



# Ghosts

among the

## Wildflowers



(Chapter 46: dude stories)



*"Crazy guitar solos and checkers"*

HEY  
GUYS!

I JUST  
FINISHED  
HELPING  
JULIA WITH  
THE DISHES,  
DID I MISS  
ANYTHING?





SUP!  
NAH,  
JUST TELLIN'  
EVERYONE  
THE STORY OF  
THE DUDE WITH  
THE FOREST  
SPIRIT AND  
ALL THAT...

AWESOME!  
I LOVE  
THE DUDE  
STORY!

THE  
"DUDE STORY"...

THE INFORMALITY  
OF HOWLERS IS  
ASTONISHING...



CHARLOTTE!!

I WAS BEGINNING  
TO WONDER  
WHERE YOU WERE!

WANNA SHARE A  
SLEEPING  
BAG?

SURE!



WELL  
ANYWAY...

THE  
SPIRIT STARTED  
LAUGHING...

AND LOOKED  
DOWN AT THE  
DUDE AND  
SAID...

"I THINK  
WINTER  
WON'T BE  
AS LONELY  
HAVING YOU  
AROUND..."







\*MIND IF  
I SPEND THE  
SNOWY SEASON  
WITH YOU?\*

AND  
THE DUDE  
WAS LIKE  
"YEAH!  
WE CAN JAM  
OUT CRAZY SOLOS  
ON GUITARS  
OR PLAY  
CHECKERS!"



BUT  
LITTLE DID HE  
KNOW LIFE WAS  
NEVER GOING  
TO BE THE  
SAME...

THEIR  
FRIENDSHIP  
CREATED  
THE FIRST  
HOWLER.





SO  
NOW INSTEAD  
OF SPENDING  
THE ENTIRE  
WINTER  
INDOORS...





HE WAS  
ABLE TO  
RUN IN  
THE SNOW  
ENDLESSLY  
WITHOUT  
TIRING.

SO  
THEY RAN  
AND PLAYED  
THE ENTIRE  
WINTER...



UNTIL THE  
SNOW BEGAN  
TO MELT...



AND  
SPRING  
ARRIVED.





BUT THEY  
HAD SUCH A  
GOOD TIME  
NEITHER OF THEM  
WANTED TO  
PART WAYS.

SO  
THE SPIRIT  
ASKED THE DUDE  
IF IT WOULD BE OK  
IF THEY STAYED  
TOGETHER.



A person is shown from the waist up, wearing a yellow and black striped shirt. A bright, glowing light emanates from their back, creating a silhouette effect. The background is a sunset or sunrise with orange and yellow clouds. The person's arms are outstretched, and they appear to be in a dynamic pose.

AND  
THE DUDE  
WAS LIKE  
"JIVIN'  
OF COURSE!"



THEN  
THE DUDE FOUND  
HIMSELF A WIFE,  
THEY HAD  
KIDS TOGETHER  
AND THOSE KIDS  
WERE BORN  
WITH THE  
GIFT AS WELL.



BUT WITH  
TIME SOME OF  
THE NEWER  
GENERATIONS  
LOST TOUCH  
WITH NATURE  
AND THE  
ABILITY TO TALK  
TO SPIRITS...



LUCKILY  
TRANSFORMING BY  
LAUGHTER IS  
STILL  
STRONG...

HEH AND  
THAT'S IT!  
THERE'S  
A LOT MORE  
"DUDE STORIES"

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BUT  
WE'LL SAVE  
THOSE FOR  
ANOTHER  
TIME....



FOR NOW.

G-NIGHT!

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To be continued...

>V< THANK YOU FOR READING!  
HAVE A LOVELY DAY!